



Automotive Becomes Environmentally Aware

Automotive students at the W.A College of Agriculture – Morawa, studying Certificate II in Automotive Mechanical, have been busy constructing a fully operational recovery station for consumable waste.

New EPA legislation is now in force. Workshops can no longer dispose of environmentally toxic waste by means of usual rubbish collections. It is now a requirement that these items be suitably stored ready for professional collection.

This year, with ‘Environmental Awareness’ being one of the mandatory Automotive competencies being taught, it has been necessary for the students to construct a fully operational Recovery Station.

Construction of the Recovery Station included a fully sealed concrete floor, bund wall and a roof. The students constructed this as part of the Automotive and Construction programs to meet EPA regulations.

The Station was installed with a 2000 litre oil storage tank, a drum for old oil filters, a drum for old coolant and an area for old batteries. The area has been fitted with professional signage to guide students and staff to the individual waste areas and warn of dangers.

Steve Adams, Automotive teacher, explained the construction and subsequent use of the Station is part of the ongoing development of authentic workplace training.

The College offers nationally recognised training in Certificate II in Automotive Mechanical and Agriculture and a Certificate I in Construction.

The College received a Top 50 Public Schools Award in 2006 and 2007. The College has become a school of choice for students aiming to enter apprenticeships, traineeships and pathways to Muresk and Murdoch University.

The College offers a free try-out week for prospective students. For more information visit the website www.morawaag.wa.edu.au or phone 9971 1158.

